

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 8. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Attachment

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 stand rejected.

Claims 8 and 16 are indicated to be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form to include their base claims.

Applicants request entry and approval of this Amendment.

By this Amendment, the drawings have been corrected, claims 1, 4, 9 and 12 have been amended and claims 8 and 16 canceled. It is submitted that no new matter is presented by these amendments.

Drawing Objections

In the Action, the drawings are objected to for FIG. 8 not being labeled --Prior Art--.

FIG. 8 has been amended to show the label --Prior Art--. A replacement sheets including FIG. 8. is attached.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Action, claims 8 and 16 are indicated to be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form to include their base claims and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of claims 8 and 16 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 9, respectively to render claims 1-7 and 9-15 allowable. Moreover, claims 8 and 16 are canceled without prejudice.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 15

In the Action, claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fukasawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,966,097).

Since the subject matter of allowable claims 8 and 16 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 9, respectively, claims 1-7 and 9-15 should now be allowable.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11 and 12

In the Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ying et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,294).

Since the subject matter of allowable claims 8 and 16 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 9, respectively, claims 1-7 and 9-15 should now be allowable.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13 and 14

In the Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kane et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,859,174).

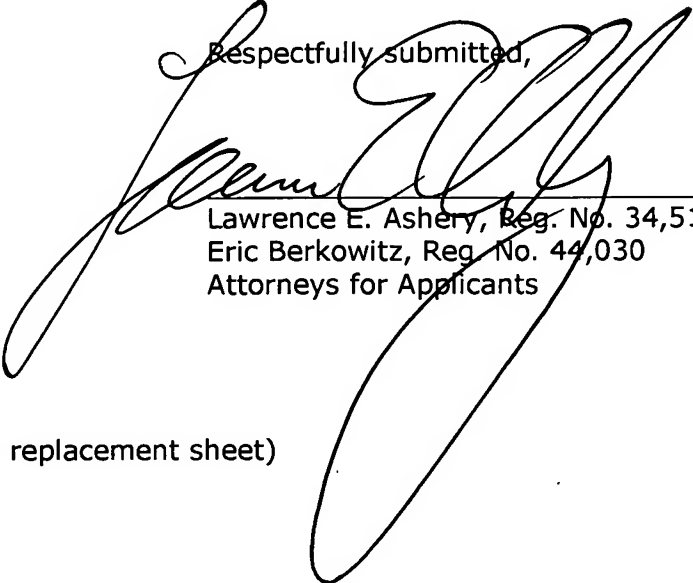
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Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the drawing changes, claim amendments and remarks set forth above, applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and allow claims 1-7 and 9-15.

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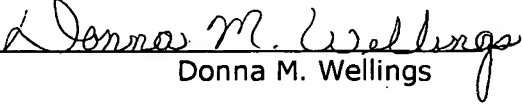
Attachment: Figures 7 and 8 (1 replacement sheet)

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